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SUBJECT: ECONOMIC COMMITTEE: FUTURE WORK PROGRAM: EASTERN SUBJECTS

REF: (A) STATE 230441; (B) STATE 235988; (C) USNATO 5532;

(D) USNATO 5674; (E) USNATO 5976

1. DOCUMENT ED/EC/73/121 ON THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAM GIVES SUGGESTED APPROXIMATE DATES FOR MEETINGS ON VARIOUS SUBJECTS OVER NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS. WE UNDERSTAND ECONADS WILL CONSIDER DATES AT JANUARY 17 MEETING. WE WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS ON THESE DATES FROM STANDPOINT OF SUITABILITY TO EXPERTS FROM WASHINGTON WHO WILL ATTEND SOME OF THE MEETINGS.

2. WE ASSUME WASHINGTON EXPERTS WILL ATTEND MEETINGS ON EASTERN EUROPEAN AGRICULTURE, AND ON DEVELOPMENT OF PLANNING TECHNIQUES IN EASTERN EUROPE, AS U.S. IS DOING THE PAPERS ON BOTH SUBJECTS (REF A). WE ALSO ASSUME U.S. WILL SEND EXPERTS TO THE MEETINGS ON "NORTHERN" AND "SOUTHERN" TIER EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, SINCE U.S. FAVORED COMBINING COUNTRY STUDIES IN THIS MANNER TO FACILITATE WASHINGTON EXPERT ATTENDANCE (REF B). WE HAVE ALREADY POINTED OUT TO ECONOMIC DIRECTORATE THAT DUE DATE FOR U.S. PAPER ON EAST EUROPEAN AGRICULTURE IS END OF JANUARY (REF B) AND NOT END OF DECEMBER AS STATED IN THE DOCUMENT.

3. SUBJECT OF INFLATION IS USSR PREVIOUSLY HAD SUPPORT IN
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ECONOMIC COMMITTEE, PARTICULARLY FROM FRANCE (REF C), AND U.S. TOLD COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN LAULAN DURING HIS WASHINGTON VISIT THAT WE COULD PROVIDE PAPER ON THIS SUBJECT BY SPRING, 1974 (REF B). HOWEVER, THIS TOPIC HAS SINCE DROPPED FROM SIGHT. WE PLAN TO

INQUIRE AT JANUARY 17 MEETING WHETHER COMMITTEE IS STILL
INTERESTED, AND IF SO TO OFFER U.S. PAPER. IN THIS CASE WE SHALL
NEED SUGGESTED WASHINGTON DATES FOR THE PAPER AND THE MEETING.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS PRIOR TO JANUARY
17 ON DATES SUGGESTED FOR EASTERN SUBJECTS IN ED/EC/73/121, AS
WELL AS SUGGESTIONS RE INFLATION IN USSR.
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